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SUBJECT: THREATENED DEMONSTRATION REPORTEDLY FORCES CANCELLATION
OF MPR

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1. A PARADE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON ZAIRE'S NOVEMBER 24 NATIONAL DAY HAS BEEN CANCELED. WE HAVE SEVERAL REPORTS THAT STRIKING TEACHERS THREATENED TO STAGE A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AS THEY MARCHED PAST THE REVIEWING STAND, WHILE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WERE ALLEGED TO BE AS LIKELY TO JOIN THE PROTEST AS TO CONTROL IT. THE GOZ APPARENTLY TOOK THESE REPORTS SERIOUSLY, CANCELING THE PARADE DESPITE THE FACT THAT REVIEWING STANDS HAD BEEN ERECTED, THAT DETAILED PREPARATIONS FOR THE PARADE HAD BEEN MADE AND PUBLISHED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, AND THAT THE PARADE WAS LISTED AS A MAJOR EVENT IN THE PRINTED MPR PARTY CONGRESS PROGRAM.

2. THE STRIKE OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN KINSHASA HAS CONTINUED AND HAS APPARENTLY SPREAD TO BAS ZAIRE;
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UNTZA OPTIMISM THAT MOST SCHOOLS WOULD SOON RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS (REFTTEL) HAS PROVED ILLUSORY. THE SITUATION BECAME ENVENOMED WHEN THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NOT PAY SALARIES DUE NOVEMBER 20 UNTIL AFTER THE TEACHERS RETURNED TO WORK. THE UNTZA OFFICIAL WHO MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CHASED FROM THE ROOM BY THE INFURIATED TEACHERS.

3. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN REFTEL A MOOD OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN WORKERS AND THE GOZ HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS. STEEP PRICE INCREASES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, WHICH GOZ POLICY HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW TO BE OFFSET BY COMPARABLE WAGE INCREASES. AS LONG AS THE GOZ CONTINUES TO TRY TO CONTROL INFLATION PRIMARILY BE DECREASING THE REAL INCOME OF THE AVERAGE ZAIRIAN, PROSPECTS ARE FOR INCREASING CONFRONTATION AND A RESULTING POSSIBLE EROSION IN GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY.
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